[Mr. A. C. Kuriakose.]

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for not starting the work till now (2-1-1930); and

(*c*) the reason why the work has not been taken up even though the people have been clamouring for the said bridge for two decades and an amount has been sanctioned for the purpose?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) An estimate for Rs. 4,700 was sanctioned in 1104.

(*b*) Because funds have not been provided in the Budget.

(*c*) Want of funds.

Grant of allowance to officers deputed on special duty in connection with the outbreak of cholera in South Travancore

16. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they consider that the work done by the Sanitary Officers deputed on special duty in connection with the outbreak of cholera in South Travancore last year (1104) was satisfactory;

(*b*) if their work was satisfactory, whether they have been granted any special allowance for that;

(*c*) whether the officers in the Medical Department have been granted any duty allowance in connection with this;

(*d*) if so, what amount has been spent towards that purpose alone;

(*e*) whether the travelling allowance due to the Sanitary Officers for the period during which they were on special duty has been paid up;

(*f*) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(*g*) whether it is a fact that the allowance due to the Medical Officers on this account has been paid up; and

(*h*) if so, what time has elapsed since such payment?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No special allowance has been granted, as cholera work is one of the legitimate duties of the officers of the Sanitary Department.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*c*), this does not arise.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) In view of the answer to part (*e*), this does not arise.

(*g*) The allowance which the medical officers are entitled to, while on cholera duty, has been paid.

(*h*) The claims due for a certain month have been paid in the succeeding month.

Construction of a bridge across the Palai river.

17. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*) of question No. 2, asked at the meeting

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of the Council held on the 8th Makaram, 1105 (page 2, Vol. XVI of the Council Proceedings), will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether a plan has been prepared, as ordered, for constructing a suitable bridge across the Palai river in the place of the original one which was under construction and which got damaged ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, when it will be ready ;

(*c*) how long it would take for starting the construction of the said bridge ;

(*d*) the cost of the bridge as per the estimate ;

(*e*) whether the damaged bridge has been dismantled ;

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, the amount spent for the purpose ;

(*g*) what has been done with the materials of the dismantled bridge ;

(*h*) whether the bridges at Kalatturkadavu and Erattupetta prayed for in the Minachil taluk itself cannot be completed by utilising such materials ;

(*i*) if not, the reason for the same ; and

(*j*) whether they have made any provision for constructing bridges in the localities referred to in part (*h*) above ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) Investigation for a high level bridge has been ordered to be conducted. The plan and estimate can be prepared only after the investigation has been completed.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The full amount has not been booked.

(*g*) They have been partly used for other works.

(*h*) and (*i*) These do not arise in view of answer to part (*g*).

(*j*) No.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : കടനാട്ടുപാല ത്തിന് ഫ്ലഡ് റ്റ്-ാമാണ്ടു്, ൬൦൦ രൂപക്ക് എസ്റ്റിമേറു് അനുവദി ച്ചു് ഇതുവരെയായിട്ടും ബഡ്ജറിൽ ചേക്കാതേ ഇരിക്കുന്നതിനു പണം ഇല്ലാത്തതാണു് കാരണം എന്നു സമാധാനം പറഞ്ഞു. ഈ പാലത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള വേലയ്ക്കു പണം ഇല്ലാഎന്നൊ, അതല്ല ഈ ഡിപ്പാർട്ട മെൻറിൽ തന്നെ പണം ഇല്ലാ എന്നൊ, എന്താണു് ഇതിൽനിന്നും മന സ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടതു് ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : ഈ പാ ലത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുള്ള വേലകൾക്കു പണം ഇല്ലാ എന്നറിഞ്ഞു.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*) : മീനച്ചിൽതാലൂ ക്കിലേക്കു ധാരാളം പണം നീക്കിവച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണൊ ഈ വേലകൾക്കു് പണം ഇല്ലാതെപോയതു് ?

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MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അങ്ങനെ താല്പര്യമുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ നോക്കുക പതിവില്ല.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): മീനച്ചിൽതാലൂക്കിലേക്കു ഫ o @, ഫ o ന, ഈ വർഷങ്ങളിൽ പൊതുമരാമത്തു വേലകൾക്കു അനുവദിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള പണം ഇത്രയാണെന്നു പറയാൻ കഴിയുമോ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): നോക്കിയാലെ പറയാൻ നിവർത്തിയുള്ളൂ.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): ഈ പ്രമാണത്തെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു ജനപ്രതിനിധികൾ വഴക്കുണ്ടാക്കിയിട്ട് ഇരുപതുകൊല്ലത്തോളം ആയി എന്നറിയാമോ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): കുറെ പ്രസന്റേഷൻ എല്ലാം വന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): ഈ പണി നടത്താൻ കഴിയുന്നതുംവേഗത്തിൽ ഗവണ്മെന്റിൽനിന്നും നടപടിനടത്തുമെന്നു വിശ്വസിക്കാമോ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ആലോചിക്കാം.

Tax on trees tapped for toddy.

18. MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the tariff rate of tree tax fixed by them on toddy-producing trees;

(*b*) whether any provision has been made fixing the amount of rent to be paid to the owners of the taxed trees;

(*c*) how the contractors obtain at present (12-7-1930) the privilege of keeping trees in their possession and of producing toddy;

(*d*) whether it is the practice to verify the Survey Numbers of the lands mentioned in the applications for the marking of trees with those in the *pattas* standing in the names of the applicants who have signed the applications as owners of such lands;

(*e*) if not, what provision has been made at present to ascertain whether the signatory to an application is the real owner of the land mentioned therein; and

(*f*) whether any applications are being received wherein the free consent of the owners referred to therein has not been expressed?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The prevailing rates of tree tax are as follows:—

	Rs.	as.	ps.	
Cocoanut tree	8	0	0	per annum.
Palmyra tree	4	0	0	do.
Choondapana	16	0	0	do.

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